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REPORT BACK WITH A PROPOSED PLAN TO UTILIZE ALL THE USABLE SPACE AT THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL (ITEM NO. 35, AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2009)

On September 28, 2009, your Board directed this office to report back with a proposed plan for the utilization of the Bob Hope Patriotic Hall upon completion of the rehabilitation project that is currently underway. Your Board indicated that priority should be given to direct and/or related services for veterans.

Background

The Bob Hope Patriotic Hall (Hall) offers 85,276 square feet of useable space, comprised of 11,261 square feet that will be occupied by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and other veterans groups that were housed in the Hall prior to the rehabilitation project; 59,550 square feet of common areas (restrooms, corridors, auditorium, gym, kitchen, and system related rooms); 7,666 square feet of conference and meeting rooms; and 6,799 square feet of space that is currently unassigned. The rehabilitation project was approved by your Board in September 2009 and is scheduled for completion in September 2012.

Potential Space Program

This office and the Department of Military and Veterans have contacted the County departments and non-profit entities listed on Attachment A regarding the use of the unassigned space for veterans assistance programs. To date, U.S. Vets, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the Department of Public Social Services, and the Department of Mental Health have expressed a high level of interest in utilizing office space at the Hall to provide a variety of services and programs to veterans, such as shelter and housing assistance, job training opportunities, and counselling services focused on supporting the transition from military to civilian life.

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We are currently working with the interested entities to more precisely define programmatic and space requirements and plan to return to your Board with final space and occupancy recommendations by the end of 2011.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, your staff may contact Anh Hong at (213) 974-7369.

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisor
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County Departments

- **Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)** – assistance to aid adults through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program provides for temporary financial assistance, as well as employment services (including specialized supportive services such as domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse) through the Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.
- **Department of Community and Senior Services** – assistance to individuals who are over 18 years old with social services and well-being programs such as In-Home Care and Home Delivery Meals.
- **Department of Mental Health, Office of Public Guardian** - assistance to address mental health issues and services to persons unable to properly care for themselves, employment, education, substance abuse, and counselling with regards to transitioning from military to civilian life.
- **Coroner's Office** - assistance with burial services and coordination with Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for veterans' status verification.
- **Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk** - assistance with birth, death, marriage and divorce licenses/certificates.
- **Department of Human Resources** – assistance to veterans with on-the-job training and work experience with the County and enable them to compete for permanent County jobs through the Veterans Intern Program.

Non-Profit Organizations

- **U.S. Vets** - assistance with safe, sober, affordable transitional housing, counseling, employment, job training, and career planning.
- **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority** – assistance with affordable transitional housing, substance abuse, job training, and other types of counselling.
- **Military Women in Need** - assistance with resource and referral services and home visits for female veterans and military widows, aged 55 or older in both Los Angeles and Orange Counties.
- **The Soldiers Project** - independent group of volunteer licensed mental health professionals who provide free psychological treatment to military service members who served in the Middle East conflicts.
- **American Combat Veterans of War** – assistance to soldiers and their families with the mental stresses associated with the transition from combat to civilian life and navigate through government bureaucracies.